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DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

Chairman's proposal: Restructuring of the Commission's agenda

1. The present document, circulated at the request of the Chairman of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on Human Rights, sets out in tabular form the results of the Chairman's consultations with all regional groups on the possible restructuring of the Commission's future agendas, including the draft provisional agenda of the Commission's fifty-fifth session.

2. Annex I contains the titles of the proposed agenda items in the restructured agenda. For orientation, and to facilitate understanding of the Chairman's proposal, annex II sets out a comparison between the restructured agenda and the agenda of the fifty-third session, with an indication of how the resolutions adopted at the fifty-third session would correspond to the restructured agenda.

3. Should the Chairman's proposal, as set out in annex I, meet with the approval of the Commission, the draft provisional agenda for the fifty-fifth session, prepared by the Secretary-General in accordance with paragraph 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII), would be adapted, accordingly, for inclusion in the report on the fifty-fourth session of the Commission to the Council.

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ANNEX I

Proposal by Chairman

Restructured agenda of the Commission on Human Rights
(20 April 1998)

Item	Title
1-3	Opening, election, adoption of agenda, organization of work.
4	Report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and follow-up to the World Conference of Human Rights.
5	The right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation.
6	Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and all forms of discrimination.
7	The right to development.
8	Question of the violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories.
9	Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world including: (a) Question of human rights in Cyprus; (b) 1503 procedure.
10	Economic, social and cultural rights.
11	Civil and political rights, including questions of: (a) Torture and detention; (b) Disappearances and summary executions; (c) Freedom of expression; (d) Independence of the judiciary, administration of justice, impunity; (e) Religious intolerance; (f) States of emergency; (g) Conscientious objection to military service.
12	Integration of the human rights of women and a gender perspective: (a) Violence against women.
13	Rights of the child.

Item	Title
14	Specific groups and individuals:
	(a) Migrant workers;
	(b) Minorities;
	(c) Mass exoduses and displaced persons;
	(d) Other vulnerable groups and individuals.
15	Indigenous issues.
16	Report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities:
	(a) Report and draft decisions;
	(b) Election of members.
17	Promotion and protection of human rights:
	(a) Status of the International Covenants;
	(b) Human rights defenders;
	(c) Information and education;
	(d) Science and environment.
18	Effective functioning of human rights mechanisms:
	(a) Treaty bodies;
	(b) National institutions and regional arrangements;
	(c) Adaptation and strengthening of the United Nations machinery for human rights.
19	Advisory services and technical cooperation in the field of human rights.
20	Rationalization of the work of the Commission.
21	Agenda, report.

ANNEX II

Reclustered agenda		Corresponding resolutions/decisions adopted by the Committee at its 53rd (1997) session			
Item	Title	Item	Res./Dec.No.		Title
1	Election (of officers)				
2	Adoption of agenda				
3	Organization of work	3	decision	1997/101	Organization of work
		3	decision	1997/119	Organization of the work of the fifty-fourth session
		3	decision	1997/120	Organization of the work of the fifty-fourth session
		3	decision	1997/123	Organization of the work of the fifty-fourth session
		3	statement		Concerning the situation of human rights in Colombia
4	Report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and follow-up to the World Conference of Human Rights	22	resolution	1997/68	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
		22	resolution	1997/69	Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action
5	The right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation	7	resolution	1997/4	Situation in occupied Palestine
		7	resolution	1997/5	Question of Western Sahara
		7	resolution	1997/6	Middle East peace process
6	Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and all forms of discrimination	13	resolution	1997/73	Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
		13	resolution	1997/74	Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
		13	decision	1997/125	Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
7	The right to development	6	resolution	1997/72	Right to development
8	Question of the violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine	4	resolution	1997/1	Question of the violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine
		4	resolution	1997/2	Human rights in the occupied Syrian Golan
		4	resolution	1997/3	Israeli settlements in the occupied Arab territories

9	Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world, including:	10	resolution	1997/53	Situation of human rights in Nigeria
		10	resolution	1997/54	Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran
	(a) Question of human rights in Cyprus;	10	resolution	1997/55	Human rights situation in southern Lebanon and West Bekaa
	(b) 1503 procedure.	10	resolution	1997/56	Cooperation with representatives of United Nations human rights bodies
		10	resolution	1997/57	Situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)
		10	resolution	1997/58	Situation of human rights in Zaire
		10	resolution	1997/59	Situation of human rights in the Sudan
		10	resolution	1997/60	Situation of human rights in Iraq
		10	resolution	1997/62	Human rights in Cuba
		10	resolution	1997/63	Situation of human rights in East Timor
		10	resolution	1997/64	Situation of human rights in Myanmar
		10	resolution	1997/65	Situation of human rights in Afghanistan
		10	resolution	1997/66	Situation of human rights in Rwanda
		10	resolution	1997/67	Situation of human rights in Equatorial Guinea and assistance in the field of human rights
		10	resolution	1997/77	Situation of human rights in Burundi
		10	decision	1997/121	Question of human rights in Cyprus

10	Economic, social and cultural rights	5	resolution	1997/7	Human rights and unilateral coercive measures
		5	resolution	1997/8	The right to food
		5	resolution	1997/9	Adverse effects of the illicit movement and dumping of toxic and dangerous products and wastes on the enjoyment of human rights
		5	resolution	1997/10	Effects on the full enjoyment of human rights of the economic adjustment policies arising from foreign debt and, in particular, on the implementation of the Declaration on the Right to Development
		5	resolution	1997/11	Human rights and extreme poverty
		5	resolution	1997/17	Question of the realization in all countries of the economic, social and cultural rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and study of special problems which the developing countries face in their efforts to achieve these human rights
		5	decision	1997/102	Human rights and the environment
		5	decision	1997/103	Effects of structural adjustment policies on the full enjoyment of human rights
		5	decision	1997/115	Human rights and income distribution

11	Civil and political rights, including questions of:	8	resolution	1997/23	Independence and impartiality of the judiciary, jurors and assessors and the independence of lawyers
	(a) Torture and detention;	8	resolution	1997/24	Question of a draft optional protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
	(b) Disappearances and summary executions;	8	resolution	1997/25	United Nations staff
	(c) Freedom of expression;	8	resolution	1997/26	Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances
	(d) Independence of the judiciary, administration of justice, impunity;	8	resolution	1997/27	Right to freedom of opinion and expression
	(e) Religious intolerance;	8	resolution	1997/28	Hostage-taking
	(f) States of emergency;	8	resolution	1997/29	The right to restitution, compensation and rehabilitation for victims of grave violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms
	(g) Conscientious objection to military service.	8	resolution	1997/38	Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
		8	resolution	1997/50	Question of arbitrary detention
		8	decision	1997/106	Human rights in the administration of justice, particularly with respect to children and juveniles in detention
		8	decision	1997/109	The right to a fair trial
		8	decision	1997/110	Question of human rights and states of emergency
		10	resolution	1997/61	Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions
		19	resolution	1997/18	Implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief
		3	decision	1997/117	Conscientious objection to military service
		14	resolution	1997/12	Question of the death penalty
		9	resolution	1997/36	Human rights and arbitrary deprivation of nationality
		9	resolution	1997/42	Human rights and terrorism
12	Integration of the human rights of women and a gender perspective:	9	resolution	1997/43	Integrating the human rights of women throughout the United Nations system
	(a) Violence against women.	9	resolution	1997/44	The elimination of violence against women
		11	resolution	1997/13	Violence against women migrant workers

13	Rights of the child	21	resolution	1997/78	Rights of the child
14	Specific groups and individuals:	11	resolution	1997/13	Violence against women migrant workers
	(a) Migrant workers;	11	resolution	1997/14	International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
	(b) Minorities;	11	resolution	1997/15	Migrants and human rights
	(c) Mass exoduses and displaced persons;	17	resolution	1997/16	Rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities
	(d) Other vulnerable groups and individuals.	9	resolution	1997/39	Internally displaced persons
		9	resolution	1997/75	Human rights and mass exoduses
		9	resolution	1997/33	The protection of human rights in the context of the human rights immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)
		16	decision	1997/107	Human rights of persons with disabilities
		16	decision	1997/108	Traditional practices affecting the health of women and children
		16	resolution	1997/19	Traffic in women and girls
		16	resolution	1997/20	Contemporary forms of slavery
15	Indigenous issues	24	resolution	1997/30	A permanent forum for indigenous people in the United Nations system
		24	resolution	1997/31	Working group of the Commission on Human Rights to elaborate a draft declaration in accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 49/214 of 23 December 1994
		24	resolution	1997/32	Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People
		24	decision	1997/112	Protection of the heritage of indigenous people
		24	decision	1997/113	Study on treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements between States and indigenous populations
		24	decision	1997/114	Study on indigenous land rights

16	Report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities: (a) Report and draft decisions; (b) Elections of members.	16	resolution	1997/22	Work of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities
17	Promotion and protection of human rights:	14	decision	1997/104	Status of the International Covenants on Human Rights
	(a) Status of covenants;	20	resolution	1997/70	Question of a draft declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms
	(b) Human rights defenders;				
	(c) Information and education;	9	decision	1997/111	United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education
	(d) Science and environment.	9	resolution	1997/35	Preparations for the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
		12	resolution	1997/71	Human Rights and bioethics
		12	decision	1997/122	Human Rights and the follow-up to the guidelines for the regulation of computerized personal data files
		9	resolution	1997/41	Development of public information activities in the field of human rights, including the World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights
		16	resolution	1997/21	Minimum humanitarian standards

18	Effective functioning of human rights mechanisms: (a) Treaty bodies; (b) National institutions and regional arrangements; (c) Adaptation and strengthening of the United Nations machinery for human rights.	15	decision	1997/105	Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights
		9	resolution	1997/37	Human rights and thematic procedures
		9	resolution	1997/40	National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights
		9	resolution	1997/45	Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian and Pacific region
		9	resolution	1997/34	Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights
		9	decision	1997/116	Rationalization of the work of the special procedures system and review of the special procedures system
		9	resolution	1997/76	Strengthening of the Office of the High Commissioner/Centre for Human Rights
		9	decision	1997/124	Composition of the staff of the Centre for Human Rights
19	Advisory services and technical cooperation in the field of human rights	18	resolution	1997/46	Advisory services, technical cooperation and the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights
		18	resolution	1997/47	Assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights
		18	resolution	1997/48	Assistance to States in strengthening the rule of law
		18	resolution	1997/49	Situation of human rights in Cambodia
		18	resolution	1997/51	Assistance to Guatemala in the field of human rights
		18	resolution	1997/52	Situation of human rights in Haiti
		18	statement		Concerning the situation of human rights in Liberia
20	Rationalization of the work of the Commission	3	decision	1997/126	Restructuring and revitalization of the Commission on Human Rights
		3	statement		Replacing draft decision E/CN.4/1997/L.2
21	Agenda, report	...	...	...	...